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In re Application of :
Bruce Archibald Short :
Application No. 09/987,772 : DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: 15 November, 2001 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Attorney Docket No. 4059/19 :

This is in response to the renewed petition filed on 30 October, 2003, under 37 CFR 1.47(b).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioners have shown that a copy of the application was presented to the non-signing inventor. The inventor, however, refused to sign and return the declaration naming him as the sole inventor. Additionally, petitioners have shown proprietary interest by showing that an assignment from the inventor to petitioner A. Ward Attachments, Ltd. has been filed in the USPTO. Lastly, petitioner has demonstrated that such action is necessary to prevent irreparable damage.

This application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(b). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(b) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Receipt of the change of correspondence address and associate power of attorney filed on 30 October, 2003, is acknowledged.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 3600 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at 703.308.6918.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D Wood".

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For: CONNECTION APPARATUS

Dear Mr. Short:

You are named as the sole inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 118 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as the sole inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at 703 308-6918. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703)308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703)308-9726 or 1(800)972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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